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SRRC CLEAN-UP

September 23, 2005

The contractor shall clean-up the Southern Regional Research Center (SRRC) that including the following minimum requirements:

- Remove all material from SRRC that can harbor mold growth, including drywall, all insulation (building and thermal), air handling units, floor tile, carpet, etc. Material shall be removed from the building, secured in covered dumpsters, and disposed of per federal, state and local regulations. The proposals to be submitted by the demo contractor are listed below:
 - a. Demo of all basement components that have mold contamination (drywall, tile, insulation, AHUs, etc.).
 - b. Duct cleaning by individual duct system (separated by AHU). Multiple rices should be provided.
 - c. Temporary HVAC systems by individual AHU/duct system. Approximate size will be 20 -40 tons.
- Oversee the environmental remediation by an accredited environmental firm. All work shall be supervised by a certified industrial hygienist. All workers shall be protected by full personal protective equipment (PPE), including TYVEK suits, headwear and footwear, and respirators. The workers shall have the minimum training requirements for mold removal work. The required proposals to be submitted by the environmental firm are listed below.
 - a. Survey building and develop a protocol for the work proceeding.
 - b. Sampling and clearance monitoring procedures
 - c. Project Oversight
 - d. Initial sampling to be done, including background tests on the upper floors. Determine how extensive the mold growth is, and if/what can be saved.
- Floors/areas not being cleaned and all "floor to floor" shafts shall be sealed and isolated from the floor/area being cleaned to prevent mold from traveling to other floors/areas.
- The work area being cleaned shall be placed under negative pressure using HEPA vacuums, with the exhausts ducted directly outside.
- Sampling shall be performed during the work as both a barometer to insure the PPE is adequate and to insure mold does not migrate to the upper floors. Baseline samples on all floors shall be performed prior to work commencing.
- Duct surfaces, inside and outside, shall be cleaned in the basement. Where ducts pass to the first floor, the ducts shall be sealed and protected until a time when the ducts on the upper floors are decontaminated. Seal the ducts prior to the start of work.
- Perform Hi-pot testing of the exterior electrical gear, pressure washing of the gear, cable inspection, etc. This work will not include any replacement of electrical gear, but will tell us what gear needs to be replaced and what can be saved.

- 8) Evaluate the condition of the emergency generator and determine what the E/G system will need to make it operational. Provide power for the clean-up and the temporary HVAC systems.
- 9) Abate the radiological and chemical materials on all floors
- 10) Provide for water for any work. Provide portable toilets.
- Prior to performing any work, the contractor shall submit a plan for approval to the ACO. The plan shall detail the specific work to be done and the estimated price.

All work shall be performed in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

PROPOSAL FOR INITIAL PHASE OF USDA/ARS/SRRC CLEANUP/RESTORATION PROJECT

1.0 Introduction

Celta Services, Inc. (CSI) recognizes the urgent needs of the USDA/ARS/SRRC (the Center) to recover from damage sustained during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. CSI is in a unique position to lead the restoration effort, due to the long experience of its staff at the Center and the first-hand, real-time assessments performed by the CSI Project Manager during his presence onsite throughout the storm and during the subsequent flooding. CSI proposes to provide the following services as the initial phase of the cleanup/restoration project.

General

CSI will perform a comprehensive evaluation of the condition of the Center to determine and establish recommendations for a comprehensive approach to recovery, repair, and abatement of hazardous conditions. Our recommendations will be based on our extensive institutional knowledge and will be oriented toward the fastest return to service possible that will ensure the safety and health of all building occupants. We will make our upper management immediately available to discuss any component of our approach, and will make necessary adjustments to our approach as needed to meet Center requirements. Our approach, as described below, is divided into discrete operational functionality components, based on our opinion as to criticality, and subsequent to the establishment of a baseline of operational approach.

Logistical Considerations

We realize that all efforts directed at restoration of the use of the Center must be supported by several basic common support functions. These include the provision of essential utilities such as water and power, as well as life support needs such as portable toilets. Additionally, we understand and accept the need for preparation of comprehensive work plans, safety protocols, and communications procedures that must be submitted, reviewed, and approved prior to the initiation of work. The CSI Project Manager will be the single point of contact for such transmittal and receipt of approvals prior to the initiation of work under any specific or discrete work element. All work will be performed in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local codes, regulations, and environmental considerations.

3.0 Environmental Considerations

CSI has already conducted negotiations with and facilitated an inspection by a licensed and insured professional environmental engineering firm and jointly conducted a survey of the SRRC site. The engineering firm will catalog the results of the survey and develop protocols (subject to review and approval by ARS management) to address the remediation of wet and mold-contaminated materials, and perform initial sampling,

including background sampling on the upper floors, to determine how extensive the mold growth is and what can be saved. This firm will also provide in-progress monitoring, provide oversight of work being performed to ensure accordance with protocols, and perform clearance monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the remediation.

CSI will hire a licensed and insured mold and water damage remediation contractor to demolish and properly remove and dispose of all affected drywall, ceiling tile, insulation, wall and floor coverings as per protocols established by the environmental engineering firm, and isolate ducts, shafts, and openings to prevent mold from spreading to upper floors. Contractor personnel will be properly outfitted with all level C PPE as required by protocols. Work areas will be properly ventilated as per established as approved by ARS management.

CSI will abate the radiological and chemical materials on all floors as per protocols established by the environmental engineering firm (and approved by ARS management).

Electrical Systems

CSI will conduct an assessment of the Center's emergency generator and determine the requirements for getting it operational to provide power for the restoration effort. Additionally, we will hire a licensed and insured professional high-voltage contractor to visually inspect cables and terminations at each switch board, pressure wash cables and switchgear with clean water to remove dirt and debris, spray and wipe cables and switchgear with cable cleaner, disconnect cable ends at switchgear, isolate and test to 150% useable voltage phase to ground voltage, 7620 x 150% test voltage 11,500 DC volts, and reconnect cables to switchgear or ground damaged cables and keep isolated. The subcontractor will also draw samples of dielectric coolant oil from switchgear and have it analyzed.

5.0 HVAC Systems

CSI will provide pricing on duct cleaning for all individual air handling units.

CSI will review the environmental engineering firm's protocols for air conditioning requirements designed to further the remediation effort and hire a licensed and insured air conditioning installation contractor to provide DX air handling units and connect them directly to the existing air handling ducts after they have been decontaminated.

Structure

CSI assumes at this juncture that the building's structure remains intact. Sheetrock, insulation, wallcovering, floorcovering, ceiling tiles, and possibly partition walls will be abated as per protocol without damaging structural integrity.

7.0 Summary Discussion and Pricing

CSI will utilize the funding made available at this point in time to begin the cleanup/restoration project of the USDA/ARS/SRRC. The work will be performed as per protocols established by the environmental engineering firm as approved by ARS management. Given that the Center was initially damaged on August 29, 2005, and inundated on August 30, 2005, a significant time lapse has already occurred during which time mold has had free reign to grow and the Center's condition has deteriorated appreciably. Obviously, with a project of this scale and degree of urgency, work must begin as soon as possible and proceed at a rapid pace to prevent further deterioration of the facility. CSI's proposal address the Center's problems swiftly and professionally for the initial phase of the cleanup/recovery. It is apparent that additional funding will be required to continue and ultimately complete the project to bring the Center back to full functionality. The work will be performed on a time and material basis as follows:

Labor - Environmental Engineering Firm -	\$43,000
-Abatement Subcontractor -	\$357,000
-DX Unit Installation -	\$204,000
SUBTOTAL	\$604,000
Materials/Equipment – Env. Eng. Firm -	\$5,000
- Abatement Subcon	tractor - \$375,000
-DX Unit Installation	n - \$216,000
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